

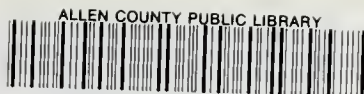




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**THE ARCHIBALDS**  
**SOME MEMBERS OF THE ARCHIBALD FAMILY OF**  
**PENNSYLVANIA AND TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA**

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821 Kellogg Ave  
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Mr. A. F. Archibald  
F. T. Wayne, Secy.

Dear Mr. Archibald;

At last I have assembled what I have been able to learn of the Archibalds. I have had several copies made of this material and I am asking different members of the family to read it for me, making corrections and additions where possible.

I shall appreciate it if you will read it carefully and make any suggestions you can. You may write on the copy I have sent you. I sent one copy to your sister Mrs. W. L. Thompson of Lafayette. She has returned it saying she could add nothing further.

Did you know anything of Andrew Archibald, your father's brother? I'd like so much to find some one who could tell me more of him. Mr. Shaw of Lafayette has told me all he knows and that is what I have written in this copy.

Thanking you for your interest and for reading this copy for me.

Very truly yours,

P. Mabel Nelson





## The Archibalds

### Earliest Members of the Family.

From Fannie Nelson (Cottingham) Boeye I was given this idea of the early ancestry. There was a Lord Robert Archibald in northern Scotland, whose youngest son, Andrew, a cobbler, came to America and with him his two sons, Robert and David, by name. This she learned from her mother, Catherine Archibald. So far I have not been able to verify her impression.

Another impression is that the Senior Archibald was named David, that he came to New York from Scotland and went from there to Reading, Pennsylvania. That his son, Andrew Archibald, was born in Reading about 1777. Andrew had three sons, David A., Robert A., and Andrew. There is no record of any Archibalds ever having lived in Reading, Pennsylvania. This I learned through communication with the secretary of the Berks Historical Society.

From Anna Z. Lee of Lafayette, Indiana, oldest daughter of Martha Archibald Lee, I was given this account of the first members of the family.

"The first David Archibald came from Scotland. Mother did not know the name of the place. That was my great great grandfather. He came over to be a soldier. He left his father and mother and two sisters at home. I suppose he was drafted. I do know he was a weaver by trade. When they came for him he was dressed in his home made linen suit. He went with nothing in his hand except his Bible. He said for America he fought on the bloody bridge where every three fell. The place or date of the battle we do not know. He did not get hurt at that time. I don't know that he was ever wounded."

"If Grandfather David Archibald had any sons, they died very young. I do not know their names. I do not know of the family Bible."

This is a most interesting account of the first David and is probably indicative of his participation in the Revolutionary War, though that remains to be established.

### American Members of the Archibald Family.

What I have been able to learn of the family is as follows:

*or David*  
Andrew (?) Archibald. (*Not the first American member*)  
b -  
m -  
d -





Children -

~~I~~ David Archibald.

b - 1803 - Reading (?) Pa.

m - Sarah Noland, Feb. 25, 1832 - From pg. 144 of Book I of Records of Marriage Licenses of Tippecanoe county, Indiana.

d - The grave stands in the old Battleground Cemetery, Tippecanoe county, Indiana and the inscription on the stone reads, "In Memory of David Archibald, who departed this life Nov. 13, 1846 - aged 42 yrs. - 8 mo. and 12 days." "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

This grave I visited in December 1925 with Mrs. Ida Berns and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nelson and it was pointed out to me as their grandfather's, my great grandfather Archibald's grave. The spelling of the name Archibald is different from the spelling as recorded in the marriage license record, as an "a" is used instead of an "i" for the fifth letter. *For children of David & Sarah see bottom pg 4.*

Standing next to the grave of David Archibald were the stones marking the graves of Robert and his wife, Elizabeth. The records on their tombstones read as follows:

Robert Archibald  
died  
Nov. 22, 1838  
Aged 66 years  
1 mo. and  
27 da.

Elizabeth  
Wife of  
Robert Archibald  
died  
Feb. 5, 1857  
Aged 61 yrs., 8 mo.  
and 14 da.

According to Aunt Rose Harmon, Colton, California, one of the Archibalds married a woman named Betty, who lost her mind.

Born to Betty Archibald were;

1. James Archibald.

m - \_\_\_\_\_ Johnson.

2. Robert Archibald.

m - \_\_\_\_\_ Robinson.

3. William Archibald.

m - Ann Graves, Sept. 5, 1850.  
Three sons. -

4. Andy Archibald

5. John Archibald

6. Sarah Archibald

m - Silas Johnson, a preacher, and a brother of James' wife above.





Are these children the children of these two people whose graves are next David Archibald's in the old Battleground Cemetery?  
*And what relation, if any, is Robert to David?*

In this same cemetery there are also stones to David and his wife Rachel as follows:

David Archibald	)	
Died Aug. 13, 1859	)	He was born then - Oct. 13, 1779.
79 yrs. 10 months	)	

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Rachel McCormack  
Wife of David Archibald  
Died May 24, 1863  
Age 76 yrs. 7 mo. 18 days.

David Archibald and wife Rachel McCormack Archibald.  
Their children: (From John Shaw, Lafayette, Ind.).

1. James Archibald,  
    Matilda Mitts (first wife).  
    Jan. 25, 1836.  
    Had 6 children - all dead.

Mary Jane Mitts (2nd wife).  
    2 children - all dead.

    (James is buried in Greenbush Cemetery - also seven of children on same lot).

2. Robert Archibald.  
    m - Angeline Holiday Archibald.  
    Robert Archibald had a daughter, Lizzie Archibald Halliday, who once owned property in Riverside, Calif. near 9th St. She is deceased.     ?

3. David D. Archibald, Big Dave.  
    m - Maria J. Holloway, Sept. 30, 1844.  
    children - 5 - all dead - no heirs.  
    Orson's parents - Is Orson dead?

David Archibald,  
Elizabeth McConnoughay,  
Feb. 26, 1938.  
Was this a first wife? *of "Big" Dave's?*

In the U. S. Census Record for 1860 on pg. 90,  
I found:

David D. Archibald	34 yrs.	("Big" David).
Maria or Marion		
Alice	15 yrs.	
Orson	8 yrs.	
Esther	4 yrs.	
Isaac	3 yrs.	





4. Ann Archibald.

m - Abraham Timmons, July 6, 1834.

children - 5 - all dead but one girl, who married  
Sherman Clegg, a cousin of R.J.N.'s, Dayton, Ohio.

5. Elizabeth Archibald.

m - John P. Harvey.

All their children are dead.

There are some descendants - grandchildren?

6. Mary Archibald.

m - Henry Timmons.

One daughter - now dead - She has children in  
Riverside, Calif.

7. Sallie Archibald.

Never married.

8. Paulina Archibald.

m - Guilford Smith

children - 4, but one only married,  
Flo, lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Perlina Archibald Smith had a daughter, Laura Smith,  
in San Antonio, Texas.

On page 368 of Bk. 2 of Will Records of Tippecanoe county,  
Indiana, I found David Archibald's will of 1859. The people  
mentioned are David Archibald and wife, Rachel, daughter Sarah,  
son Robert Archibald and daughter Perlina Smith. To Sarah he  
left the place and to Robert \$100.00 and Perlina \$100.00.

Was this David the father of David Archibald, who married  
Sarah Noland and who as David Archibald, Senior, was a claimant  
against the estate of the first David, who died in 1846? Born  
about 1779 he would have been 24 yrs. old when David (husband of  
Sarah) was born 1803 and this is possible - also that this son  
wasn't mentioned in the will because at that time 1859 he was dead.

Children of David and Sarah (Noland) Archibald.

1. Martha

b - Mar. 5, 1835, at Pittsburg, Carol county, Indiana.

m - 1) Charles Lee

children 1) Annie Lee,  
3006 South St., Lafayette, Indiana.

2) Mollie or Mary Lee

3) ~~Dana~~ Charles Lee. 4 Dana Lee

m - 2) Hiram Clegg of Lafayette, Ind.

children 1) Orpha

2) Sherman

3) Morton





- 4) Susan
- 5) Richard
- 6) Lucy
- 7) Ed.

2. Mary Jane

b -

m - Jess Phillips - Lafayette.

children 1) Lyle Phillips  
married Ben Phillips.

2) Susan

m - Doctor Hypshire.

3. Son - name (?) who died.

4. Catheryn

b - Sept. 25, 1840.

m - Andrew Jackson Nelson - Aug. 17, 1857.

d - Nov. 21, 1919 - Brookston, Indiana.

The mother of these children, Sarah (Noland) Archibald, died following the birth of the youngest daughter, Catheryn. Catheryn was raised by her father's brother, Robert Archibald, a shoemaker by trade. The two older sisters, Martha and Mary Jane, were raised by another brother, "Andy" Archibald. I have not learned much about him other than that.

David Archibald was married twice. The second time to a woman of questionable integrity (?). To avoid paying her debts he deeded his property to his brother, Robert Archibald, to hold for his children. This property was never returned, to the children, as it was lost through bad management on Robert's part.

The father of the three girls, David Archibald, died when Cathryn, the youngest daughter, was six years old, i.e. Nov. 13, 1846 - He left no estate.

II #. Robert Archibald. (*Brother of David, pg 2*).

b -

m - Caroline Fry, June 30, 1842.

See pg. 275 - Book 21 (?) Records of Marriage Licenses of Tippecanoe county, Lafayette, Indiana.

d -

Buried in the New Cemetery, not in old Battleground Cemetery.

children -

2 (1) Albert.

died about 30 yrs. ago (1898).





- 2 (2) Abraham - "A.F." Archibald, Webster Place, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.  
children -  
    a dau, Evelyn, at home.  
    a son, Raymond (red hair) - salesman in Chicago.  
    a son, Kenneth, in business in New York.
- 2 (3) Frank.  
    died Feb. 19, 1924.
- 2 (4) Laura Archibald McGrea - died just after Christmas -  
    Dec. 30, 1925.
- 2 (5) Charlie.
- 2 (6) Fannie Fatima Irene -  
    Mrs. W. L. Thompson,  
    146 South Grant Street,  
    West Lafayette, Indiana.
3. "Andy" or Andrew Archibald - The brother who raised David's  
    two older daughters, Maria and Mary Jane.  
    b - (never came west). ?.  
    m -  
    d -  
    children -  
        1. Andrew Junior - who went west with his mother and  
            stepfather, a Mr. Johnson.  
            b -  
            m -  
            d -  
            children (5) 3 boys  
                    2 girls  
            all dead - one son Willard died 1923 leaving a wife  
                    and one daughter.

This information supplied by Mr. John Shaw, 1015 Robert Street, Lafayette, Indiana. He did not know the names of James, Robert and Andrew Archibald.

The father of David, Robert and "Andy" Archibald, i.e. Andrew Archibald, had a brother of whose name I am not certain. This brother had a son known as "Big" David Archibald, who was a cousin of "Little" David Archibald. "Little" David Archibald being the husband of Sarah (Noland) Archibald, mother of Cathryn, Martha and Mary Jane.









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